1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 7 8 ANGELA SANTIAGO, No. 2:22-cy-01370-RSL 9 Plaintiffs, STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER v. 10 TO CONTINUE EXPERT GEICO ADVANTAGE INSURANCE DISCLOSURE DEADLINE 11 COMPANY, 12 Defendant. 13 14 **COME NOW** the Plaintiff ANGLEA SANTIAGO ("Plaintiff") and Defendant GEICO 15 16 ADVANTAGE INSURANCE COMPANY ("Defendant") (collectively "the Parties"), by and 17 through their counsel of record, and respectfully move this Court, via stipulation to continue the 18 expert disclosure deadline. 19 I. **STIPULATION** 20 Overview A. 21 The Parties make this motion in good faith and not for the purpose of delay. 1. 22 2. This claim arises out of a claim for insurance benefits relating to a motor vehicle 23 accident. Plaintiff alleges Defendant acted in bad faith in the manner it handled 24 the investigation of the underinsured motorist claim. Defendant disputes those 25 allegations. 26

- 3. Under the current case scheduling order, the jury trial in this matter is currently set for <u>October 2, 2023</u>. *See* Dkt. 8 (Order Setting Trial and Pretrial Dates). The jury trial is expected to last approximately seven (7) days. *Id*.
- 4. Also under the current case scheduling Order, the reports from expert witnesses under FRCP(a)(2) are due **April 5, 2023.**
- 5. For the reasons set forth below, the Parties are requesting an approximate 1-month continuance for the expert disclosure deadline *only*. The Parties request that the Court also extend and modify the deadline as set forth below.

B. Continuance is in the interest of Justice

1. Plaintiff's deposition is currently scheduled for March 29, 2023. Responses to Plaintiff's discovery is also pending entry of protective orders. This comes a week prior to the deadline for the disclosure of expert witnesses. The parties seek a one-month continuance for this deadline only so that expert disclosures would be due on May 5, 2023. This continuance would allow the parties to properly disclose experts that may be retained based on the outcome of Plaintiff and Plaintiff's husband's depositions and responses to Plaintiff's discovery. This continuance is not requested to delay this case, rather it is made so that the parties may be given sufficient time to prepare their cases.

C. Relief Requested

6. In consideration of the above, the Parties respectfully seek an approximate one (1) month continuance of the Expert Disclosure deadline only with all other deadlines to remain the same.

1	7.	This stipulated request is not ma	de for the purpose of delay, but rather to allow	
2		sufficient time to prepare this ca	se for trial.	
3	8.	Based on the foregoing, the Par	ties respectfully request this Court enter an order	
4		resetting the Expert Disclosure of	leadline in this matter to May 5, 2023.	
5	For the above reasons, the Parties jointly request that the Court grant this stipulated motion			
6	to continue the deadlines as set forth above.			
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8	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 27 th day of March, 2023 at Seattle, Washington.			
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1	II. ORDER	
2	IN CONFORMITY with the foregoing Stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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4	Dated this 28th day of March, 2023.	
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7	United States District Judge	
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